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1. PURSUANT TO REFTTEL, THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS CELEBRATED IN NEW ZEALAND:

JANUARY 1 - NEW YEARS DAY
JANUARY 2 - NEW YEARS
JANUARY 19 - WELLINGTON ANNIVERSARY DAY (WELLINGTON ONLY)
JANUARY 26 - AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY (AUCKLAND ONLY)
FEBRUARY 6 - NEW ZEALAND DAY
APRIL 16 - GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 19 - EASTER MONDAY
APRIL 25 - ANZAC DAY
JUNE 7 - QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
OCTOBER 25 - LABOR DAY
DECEMBER 13 - CHRISTCHURCH ANNIVERSARY DAY (CHRISTCHURCH ONLY)
DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 26 - BOXING DAY

2. LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE ADVISED THAT THEY ARE UNAWARE
OF ANY SPECIFIC CALENDAR DAY WHICH IS CELEBRATED BY
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DISSIDENT OR LEFTIST ELEMENTS WITH REGULARITY. MOST

OCCASIONS IN WHICH USG INSTALLATIONS OR USG PERSONNEL MIGHT EXPECT DEMONSTRATIONS AND/OR ANTI-AMERICAN ACTIONS ARE GENERALLY PREDICATED ON SOME SPECIFIC EVENT HAPPING AT A SPECIFIC TIME.

3. A PRIME EXAMPLE WAS THE RECENT VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND OF THE NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP, USS TRUXTUN. DURING HE SHIPS'S VISIT, SEVERAL SMALL PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS BY ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUPS OCCURRED THROUGHOUT NEW ZEALAND. HOWEVER ONE NOTEWORTHY INCIDENT DID OCCUR; A 100 FT. ANTENNA USED BY THE USN IN ITS COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE ANTARCTIC WAS TOPPLED, APPARAENTLY IN PROTEST AGAINST THE VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND OF THE USS TRUXTUN. THE NEXT DAY, A TWO PAGE LETTER WAS PRODUCED BY AN UNKNOWN SOURCE GIVING THE REASONS FOR TOPPLING THE ANTENNA. PRIMARILY, THE LETTER DENOUNCED NEW ZEALAND'S ALLIANCE WITH THE USG AND THE VISIT OF THE USS TRUXTUN. THE LETTER CLOSED WITH THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH: QUOTE THE WEEDONS COMPLEX IS PART OF THE VAST COMMUNICATIONS LINK THAT LINKS NEW ZEALAND TO THE AMERICAN WAR EFFORT. KIWIS HAVE MADE IT OBVIOUS TO THE GOVERNMENT THAT THEY DO NOW WANT THE AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS CHOSEN TO IGNORE THE PEOPLE. NOW THE PEOPLE MUST ACT INDEPENDENTLY TO SAFEGUARD THEIR COUNTRY. ON THE 28TH AUGUST THE WEEDONS-ROSS MILITARY BASE WAS ATTACKED BY THE PEOPLE. IN FUTURE ALL AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS IN N.Z. WILL BE CONSIDERED LEGITIMATE TARGETS UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT GOVERNS ACCORDING TO THE WISHES OF NEW ZEALANDERS. N.Z. THE WAY YOU WANT IT. SAY NO TO NUCLEAR SHIPS. END QUOTE. THIS INCIDENT, AND SUBSEQUENT LETTER, IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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